

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

RAIL AND RIVER EXCURSIONS.

TO THE HAWKSBOURG RIVER.

WEDNESDAY—WISERMAN'S FERRY TRIP.

Trains leave Sydney at 8.30 a.m., and Milson's Point at 8.30 a.m.

Return Train (including trip on steamer to Wiseman's Ferry): First-class, 9/6; Second-class, 7/6.

THURSDAY—HAWKSBOURG RIVER TRIP.

Trains leave Sydney at 8.30 a.m., and Milson's Point at 8.30 a.m.

Return Train (including trip on steamer): First-class, 9/6; Second-class, 7/6.

SATURDAY.

ROUND TRIP—STYLING—HAWKSBOURG—WINDSOR.

Trains will leave Sydney for the Hawksbury at 9.15 a.m. and Milson's Point at 8.30 a.m., passengers reaching Windsor in time to join the 8.30 a.m. train, due Sydney at 10 a.m.

Trains will be located in the reverse direction by train leaving Sydney for Windsor at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday, proceeding by steamer to Wiseman's Ferry, stay over, and join afternoons train from Hawkesbury to Sydney on the following Sunday or Monday.

Return Train: First-class, 11/6; Second-class, 9/6.

Light Refreshments obtainable on steamer.

Tickets for the above trip may be obtained at Sydney, Parramatta, Hurstville, Milson's Point, and Milson's Station.

For full particulars see Handbills, obtainable from Stationmasters.

(16/10)

By order,

J. S. SPURWAY,

Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

SYDNEY V. AUSTRALIA, at Sydney Cricket Ground.

A Special Service of Trams will be run to the Sydney Cricket Ground from Circular Quay and Railway Square Loop, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

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AMUSEMENTS.

PALACE THEATRE.

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NICOLA. WITH SCREW-YE, CHAINS, HANDCUFFS, AND LOCKS.

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NICOLA. A VICTORY FOR THE CHAMPION.

NICOLA. YOU CAN'T AFFORD

NICOLA. TO MISS.

NICOLA. TO-NIGHT.

NICOLA. MAGIC! MAGIC!

NICOLA. THE GREAT MAGICIAN.

NICOLA. EGON WHOLESALE FROM NOWHERE.

NICOLA. BORNED PUNISHMENT—CELL.

NICOLA. DOLLS.

NICOLA. THE FARM DAY DUCK.

NICOLA. THE FARM OF ALL NATIONS.

NICOLA. THE GREAT MAGIC HALL.

NICOLA. REEK OUR MAGIC HALL.

NICOLA. IT TELLS PORTENTS.

NICOLA. DOWNS WITH MAKE-BELIEVE RHYTHMICS.

NICOLA. SYNCHRONISE WITH YOUR EYESIGHT.

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SATURDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 23.

PLIMMER-DENNISTON SEASON.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

FIRST PRODUCTION IN SYDNEY OF THE LATEST LONDON PARADE COMEDY, AS PLAYED AT THE PRINCE OF WALES THEATRE FOR 20 CONSECUTIVE FIVE NIGHTS, AND STILL ATTRACTING CROWDED HOUSES.

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MR. CYRIL BEL.

MR. PAUL LATHAM.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LONDON PRESS.

"MORNING POST" says: "Full of bright and fresh dialogue and diverting incidents. The whole play shows the author to be a playwright of rare observation, feeling, and invention, as also masters of technique."

"DAILY NEWS" says: "A brilliant comedy is from the French, and its success is complete. The plot is original, the dialogue is smart and witty."

"TELEGRAPH" says: "Inconstant George is an excellent MASTERSPIECE of construction. In the extant second act, in which a host of silly pyramids plays an important part in the vast comedy, the author has done a masterly stroke. The finale is of the greatest charm, and sent the spectators home with an impression of a real theatrical performance at the memory of an evening of great art."

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ARNOTT'S MILK ARROWROOT BISCUITS.

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.
IN THE WHEAT BELT.
THE CENTRAL COUNTRY.

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From Coora down to the Murray and for a distance west one is fairly in the wheat country, and it is mostly being well developed. There is still, however, a large area which can be brought under the plough, given railway facilities and adequate labour.

Between Coora and Grenfell there are some very light crops that look as if they were on new land, and the sight of more country than there is following would be a reassuring sight. There is, however, a fair lot which is a promising sign. Immediately around Coora, however, the crops are very nice, although it may be found that the rain has damaged the grain a little. Yet it is remarkable that so far the writer has found that the damage done has not been so extensive as was feared.

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At Inverell the contrivance for meeting the thistle trouble in the crops which was described in these columns a few weeks ago is said to be working very satisfactorily. It is reported to have created such a favourable impression that a large number of orders for the contrivance, which can be adjusted to any harvester, have been received.

ENGLISH WOOL TRADE.
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ARE THEY LOWER THAN IN AUSTRALIA?
FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

BRADFORD, Nov. 17.

Another week has passed, and we are still in the throes of a conflict between buyer and seller. There is really no change of moment to note in the position of merinos, except that the little weakness indicated last mail has passed off. All the news to hand is that the grain is a little. Yet it is remarkable that so far the writer has found that the damage done has not been so extensive as was feared.

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JERSEY BREEDERS' CONFERENCE

At the council meeting of the Australian Jersey Herd Society, the president presiding, it was decided to arrange for a conference of Jersey breeders, fitting the Royal Hotel, the T. J. Junior and H. O'Meara as inspectors for cattle submitted for entry to the revised list of the Royal Agricultural Show. Mr. A. M. Manning for the New England, Mr. C. G. Hignett for New South Wales, Mr. J. A. M. Manning for the metropolitan area and the Richmond and Tweed River districts, Mr. C. G. Hignett for the metropolitan area and the Richmond and Tweed River districts, Mr. A. M. Manning for the South Coast and Maitland districts.

BLUE COUCH.

Mr. J. H. Maiden writes:—
I am sorry to have to express the opinion, after having read Mr. Turner's letter in "The Herald," that he has raised a good deal of verbal dust, with the view of obscuring your kindness to me in your letter to me.

As regards Mr. Turner's No. 1, I have only again refer to you to the No. 1 of

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THE BRITISH ARMY.

LORD ROBERTS' PESSIMISM.

MINISTER'S REBUTTAL.

THE BEST IN THE WORLD."

LONDON, Dec. 17. Lord Roberts, in a letter to the press, advocates the optimism of Viscount Hailey, Secretary of State for War.

He says: "We have just been on the bank of a great war, but the regulars were not fitted for war. Their rifles are inferior to the French and German, and the artillery is scarcely more satisfactory."

"It is difficult to write temperately," Lord Roberts continues, "respecting the Generals, who lack the essentials of modern warfare—discipline and shooting practice."

Viscount Hailey, replying to the letter, says he would rather pay more to increase the navy than increase the supply of half-trained soldiers.

"Despite what has been said about the safety of the German soldiers," continues Viscount Hailey, "our own regiments are the best in the world."

TURK-ITALIAN WAR.

SUGGESTIONS OF PEACE.

A TURKISH SENSATION.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 15. The Grand Vizier yesterday introduced a bill to enable the Sultan to dissolve the legislature in war time without the consent of the Senate.

He denied that it was intended to do this now, but explained that the bill was introduced to enable the Government to carry out measures of urgent importance, the foremost of these being the conclusion of peace.

The latter remark caused a sensation.

ARABS CONCENTRATING.

PARIS, Dec. 18. The "Tempt" learns that thousands of well-armed Arabs, all splendid fighters, are assembling 40 miles south of Tripoli.

RUSSIA AND PERSIA.

ATTITUDE OF TURKEY.

EARLY SETTLEMENT EXPECTED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 17. The Minister of Foreign Affairs has informed the Chamber of Deputies that the Government is satisfied with Russia's assurances that she will maintain the integrity of Persia, and this is further reinforced by the Anglo-Russian agreement.

The Minister added that the Government was hopeful that an early settlement would be reached.

A RUSSIAN SUGGESTION.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18. "Novoye Vremya" suggests that the best way to overcome the necessary difficulties in connection with the Persian invasion is to accelerate the projected Russo-Persian railway scheme under British, Russian, and French control.

BRITISH LABOUR PARTY.

FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE.

LONDON, Dec. 17. Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, M.P., speaking at a meeting in the Labour Party hall, said that there had been a split in the Labour Party, and that the party would co-operate in a conscientious manner to the same division lobby.

RAILWAY UNREST.

LONDON, Dec. 18. Normal meetings of railwaymen in various towns have summoned the executives to re-sign owing to the agreement arrived at by the recent conference, and the withholding of publication of the result of the ballot concerning the acceptance or rejection of the findings of the Railway Disputes Commission.

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